

(2) Section 4 of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note).
 (3) The Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 612c note).
 (4) The food distribution program on Indian reservations established under section 4(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2013(b)).

TITLE VIII—FOOD STAMPS AND COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION

Subtitle A—Food Stamp Program

SEC. 801. DEFINITION OF CERTIFICATION PERIOD.

Section 3(c) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2012(c)) is amended by striking "Except as provided" and all that follows and inserting the following: "The certification period shall not exceed 12 months, except that the certification period may be up to 24 months if all adult household members are elderly or disabled. A State agency shall have at least 1 contact with each certified household every 12 months."

SEC. 802. DEFINITION OF COUPON.

Section 3(d) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2012(d)) is amended by striking "or type of certificate" and inserting "type of certificate, authorization card, cash or check issued in lieu of a coupon, or access device, including an electronic benefit transfer card or personal identification number."

SEC. 803. TREATMENT OF CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME.

The second sentence of section 3(i) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2012(i)) is amended by striking "(who are not themselves parents living with their children or married and living with their spouses)".

SEC. 804. ADJUSTMENT OF THRIFTY FOOD PLAN.

The second sentence of section 3(o) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2012(o)) is amended—

(1) by striking "shall (1) make" and inserting the following:

"(1) make":

(2) by striking "scale, (2) make" and inserting the following:

"scale:

"(2) make":

(3) by striking "Alaska, (3) make" and inserting the following: "Alaska;

"(3) make": and
(4) by striking "Columbia, (4) through" and all
that follows
through the end of the subsection and inserting
the following:
"Columbia; and
"(4) on October 1, 1996, and each October 1
thereafter
adjust the cost of the diet to reflect the cost of
the diet in
the preceding June, and round the result to the
nearest lower
dollar increment for each household size, except
that on October
1, 1996 the Secretary may not reduce the
cost of the
diet
in effect on September 30, 1996."